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TO: State Political Committees

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RE: Chapter 328 of the Acts of 1993

Chapter 328 of the Acts of 1993 contains two amendments to M.G.L. c. 55, the campaign finance law. The amendments, which affect the Democratic and Republican State Committees, will become effective on March 21, 1994. A copy of Chapter 328 is enclosed for your information.

The Act allows state committees to incorporate as non-profit corporations under M.G.L. c. 180. Such incorporation "shall not relieve any person, including the chairperson or treasurer, from any responsibility imposed by [c. 55] or other election law or from any civil or criminal penalty imposed thereby." Prior to filing articles of incorporation or amendments to previously filed approved articles with the state secretary, the articles or amendments must be submitted to this office for review. If this office finds the articles comply with law, the articles will be certified and forwarded to the state secretary.

In addition, the Act amends section 7 of chapter 55. Under existing law, aggregate contributions from an individual to all elected and non-elected political committees (e.g. ward, town, city or state committees) organized on behalf of a political party are limited to \$1,000 per calendar year. The Act will increase the aggregated maximum which an individual may contribute to all such committees to \$5,000 per calendar year.

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum please do not hesitate to contact this office.